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Merry Christmas!

Over 55s from the Charlton Triangle Homes' Christmas Party - complete with Mayor of Greenwich Allan MacCarthy - say it for us...and a Happy New Year too!

See plans for car free town centre

DETAILS of proposals to pedestrianise Greenwich Town Centre are on view this weekend. The exhibition at Devonport House, King William Walk, Greenwich, includes a visual computer model and expert engineers to answer questions. The exhibition will run from 10am to 8pm on Saturday, December 19; Sunday, December 20; and Monday, December 21. Information and a questionnaire are being distributed to local homes and businesses, and details will be available in local libraries and council buildings. Completed questionnaires and written representations should be returned by January 15, 2010. The proposed scheme entails closing College Approach and King William Walk (northern section) to all traffic except for access. Greenwich Church Street north of Creek Road would become a "shared space" for pedestrians and vehicles. Traffic could be accommodated by making Nelson Road two-way with

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A year
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AS the year comes to a close, I've been taking time to look back on what has been an unbelievable year for me. At the end of last year I had been thinking 2009 was going to be fairly quiet but that all changed just before Christmas when I received the shock news that I'd been announced as a BOA Athlete of the Year! That announcement led to me being thrown into the spotlight and being asked to do interviews for the national press, radio and TV. Fortunately, I'd gained a little experience as GT was one of the first papers to support me - but it was still pretty nerve-wracking. By March things had started to settle down and I was ready to travel to competitions across the UK and around the world. From May-November I was lucky enough to travel to a different country each month, including Thailand, Austria, Sweden and Israel. Without the support of Greenwich Starting Blocks, and those of you who donate and raise money to support athletes like me, that

amount of travel would have been impossible so I'd like to say a HUGE thank you through this column. The experience will be a big help in preparing me for the 2012 Olympics, where I hope I'll be representing GB AND Greenwich!. For what I had expected to be a quiet year, I've managed to pack a lot in but still had time for fun with my friends. Highlights were going to see my two favourite groups play at The O2; Muse and Placebo. Fantastic - and what a venue! Makes me feel even luckier that I live in Greenwich. Now I'm just looking forward to Christmas and wondering what 2010 will bring. Main aims will be the Youth Olympic Games and the senior Commonwealth Games (nearly forgot the serious stuff too - my GCSEs!!!) If you want to follow my progress you can read my weekly blog at www.team-2012.com and through the pages of GT. Happy Christmas everyone and I hope 2010 is good for us all!

Zoe Smith, 15,
prospective
Olympic
weightlifter

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Parcel delivery a front for drugs

A BUSINESSMAN who used a parcel delivery franchise to transport drugs has been jailed for four years after pleading guilty to a string of drug and fraud offences. Met Police officers working with Greenwich Council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team searched a number of properties connected with 43-year-old Mark Anthony Gard. Woolwich Crown Court heard that Gard, of Moore

House, Greenwich, bought a franchise in a legitimate parcel delivery business and used it as a front for transporting and supplying class A drugs across the UK. Officers found he was not only illegally subletting his council house in Greenwich while claiming benefits, but that he also owned a number of properties in the UK and Spain. On October 7, a search on

Gard's home address revealed over £100,000 cash hidden in a suitcase and drug paraphernalia including scales and clear re-sealable bags. The cash was seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA). Officers also searched one of the business vans, which contained 1.8kg cocaine and 90g of cannabis resin all packaged and ready for delivery.

Det. Con. John Wills said: "This is a significant result that sees the closure of a successful year-long investigation undertaken jointly with Greenwich's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team. We will continue to prosecute fraudsters using legitimate businesses as fronts for their criminal activity." Gard was also ordered to pay £274,000, with a default sentence of five years.



TAKING THE MIC: Dave Marnham talks on the bus that shows visitors how the Olympic Park is going up before their very eyes

Guide booked

Dave leads the way for Olympic Park visitors

by Peter Cordwell

A GREENWICH man is one of the guiding lights for people who want to get an early feel of the Olympic Park that's taking magical shape for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Retired Dave Marnham grabs the mic as a qualified tour guide for hour-long fact-filled tours by bus, starting from Stratford railway station.

It's a big site - about the size of Hyde Park - and a big subject, but Dave's working life was full of big projects in communication consultancy, including network planning for Coca-Cola and big deals in the Middle East.

"I got into all this through the 'Personal Best' volunteering scheme in Greenwich because I wanted

to be more active in the community," Dave, 68, told GT. "About a month after that I got a call saying the ODA (Olympic Delivery Authority) were looking for people to do this. "So I went to an introductory course in June and I was one of a dozen invited to go on the six-week training course. We had to sit an exam, which was a bit shattering at my age, but I got through and started guiding."

Dave, who lives in New Eltham, takes a guided tour once a fortnight. GT joined him for a double Saturday morning stint.

"I enjoy it immensely," said Dave. "It's great to take

groups of people and show them everything progressing. Visitors really start to sit up about half way through when they see the scale of the operation.

"There's an official script but I just talk. I know most of the script and the facts involved, but as we go different ways round almost every time it's best to keep the talk flexible and as interesting as possible.

"We have a monthly update meeting to keep up with all the developments because it's all starting to happen so quickly now."

Dave wouldn't do it without being passionate about the Olympics himself. He said: "I will definitely get along to some of the events. I used to do a lot of cycling and I did some competitive running

when I was a teenager. I did my training and apprenticeship at Siemens in Woolwich, and that's where I did my running. I was a sprinter, 100 and 200.

"I'm not doing this for the payment. I see it mainly as volunteering. I love sport and I like to get involved locally, so this covers two aspects that are important in my life.

"I'm really proud that I'm the first Olympic tour guide from Greenwich."

● SO far the ODA visits programme has taken 45,000 visitors around the Olympic Park. Tours are booked up until the end of February, so if you want to book a place after that call the booking line on 0300 2012 001. Tours are free and operate every weekend and some weekdays.

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Sing-along-Olympics

Big Screen
gem from
Montbelle
songsters

by Pat Greenwood

THE Big Screen is ready for local premieres - and Montbelle primary school was the first to feature on it last week, singing their 'Song for 2012', which was originally filmed in Greenwich Park this summer.

A party of 44 pupils of all ages gathered in General Gordon Square, Woolwich, to look at themselves in mega-vision.

They were also celebrating the 1,000th-day countdown to the Paralympics with the Mayor, Cllr Allan MacCarthy, and Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for Culture and the Olympics.

Afterwards, they walked over to Woolwich town hall in Wellington Street for a VIP reception and snacks, and they each took away a copy of the DVD of their performance.

Just before the First Big Screening, the Mayor told everyone: "This is a really exciting moment. Thank you very much for everything you have done."

Cllr Fahy said later: "There will be a lot going on in the build-up to London 2012 - both for sport and for what we are calling the Cultural Olympiad. The Montbelle song is an excellent contribution to the latter."

The screening was repeated for pupils' families and friends and for all the other visitors to Saturday's 'Woolwich Winter Warmer' event on Saturday. Amy, aged nine, from Eltham, was in plaster for the original filming of the school's



SCREEN TEST: Montbelle singers are the first of the local premieres at the Big Screen in General Gordon Square, Woolwich

song in Greenwich Park. She told GT: "I fell over on the last day of school before half-term. I'm sitting on a chair for the video." Amy, a keen basketball player who is also a goalie and a defender for school

then produced by Montbelle music teacher Hazel Ibrahim, who organises weekly choir and band sessions in the school.

Cllr Fahy said: "Now we are developing the squares here, we will be able to arrange a number of exciting events around sport and culture which will attract lots of people to upcoming downtown Woolwich."

The 24 square-metre Big Screen is part of the council's 'Olympic legacy' programme and is sponsored by the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games and the BBC.

In the run-up to the 2012 Games, the screen will be used to show major sporting and cultural events and a range of "shorts films" made by local film makers, including community groups. It can also be used to compliment community events in the square.

**Thank
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much for
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you have
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football sessions, added: "I'm fine now, except I can't run as fast as I used to."

Montbelle brothers Kevin, 10, and nine-year-old Carson, also from Eltham, said: "Seeing ourselves on the screen was embarrassing but exciting."

The school's 'A Song for 2012' was composed by headteacher, Jenny Marshall and her husband, Dave. It was

Car-free centre plans

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a T-junction at Greenwich Church Street, or by routing traffic clockwise via Norman Road, Creek Road, Greenwich Church Street and Greenwich High Road. Market trader Mick Gebbett

said: "When pedestrianisation was tried in recent years for Car Free Day, it created a really good and popular environment for visitors. "Pedestrianisation would create a welcoming environment for the

millions of tourists who visit us each year."

Information on the proposals is available on 020-8921 6114 or 020-8921 5587. It can also be downloaded at www.greenwich.gov.uk/consultations

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Build for the elderly too

WHILST it is good to see that Greenwich Council is going to build and manage new homes, why are they only building large family homes? Having lost my wife to a stroke in May I put in for a downsize from a three-bedroom house to a one-bedroom flat. Since June I have had one offer by a housing society, not spectacular by any means

when they are continually advertising for people to downsize. The stock of smaller properties seem far less available than the larger ones. At 68 and having emphysema I do not want to start my life again half way up a tower block. There must be a number of people in the same position as me, so come on Greenwich Council, think

about some of your older tenants and build a few homes for them.

M Gabb, Eltham
●THE council has already developed schemes such as converting ground floor areas in blocks in Woolwich into flats suitable for older and less mobile residents. The current new build programme is targeted primarily at creating larger

family homes. However, in response to queries such as this one, the council is also looking to develop smaller homes - including two-bed bungalows for older people wanting to downsize. Funding has been provisionally allocated for one such scheme - and a bid has also been submitted to build one and two-bed flats in Greenwich. **Ed**

Wrong route

FOLLOWING TfL's publication of new bus stops in the town centre, I am surprised there has been no details of any changes to routes by either TfL (London Buses) or Greenwich Council.

My belief is that route 178 will no longer serve Vincent Road, Burrage Road, Bloomfield Road & Nightingale Place; and my own observations reveal this will adversely affect 100's of passengers daily.

I must ask that no change to the route takes place until there has been a proper public consultation.

Mike Callaghan, Woolwich

●TfL for replies:THE 178 is being altered following representation by Greenwich Council to ensure more direct access into Woolwich and will be replaced by changes to the 244 and 386.

This and other changes are not directly linked to the improvements to Woolwich Town Centre but the opportunity to review bus services was taken following the decision to effect changes to Woolwich New Road and General Gordon Square. On Saturday, December 19, TfL officers will be in and around the Square providing information and guidance.

Petition for more crossings

WITH regards to your article on river crossings (GT, December 8), the same thing happened this time last year with a diesel spillage. It shut the tunnel for almost a week. I got so annoyed I wrote

to the Prime Minister and set up the following petition on his web site: www.petitions.gov.uk/Thamescrossing/ We the

STAR LETTER
undersigned petition the Prime Minister to build two more bridges/tunnels across the Thames between Blackwall Tunnel and Dartford.

Due to ongoing congestion and constant delays and breakdowns we urge the government to build two more bridges/tunnels across the Thames between Blackwall Tunnel & Dartford.

John O'Keefe

STAY FESTIVE!

I am writing to congratulate Greenwich Council on not following the trend of many councils around the country of cutting back on Christmas celebrations. Given the current economic climate, it is good to know that Greenwich will be celebrating the festive period as usual, giving the residents something to smile about in these hard times.

Well Done Greenwich!
Denise Taylor, Woolwich

OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley for the 2009/10 season, so get writing! For information on 2009/10 season tickets please visit www.cafc.co.uk or call 0871 226 1905.



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It will be conducted by local ministers and officiants and attended by the Mayors of Greenwich, Bexley and Dartford, and others for all faiths and beliefs.

All are welcome.

For further information please contact the Crematorium office 020 8850 7046



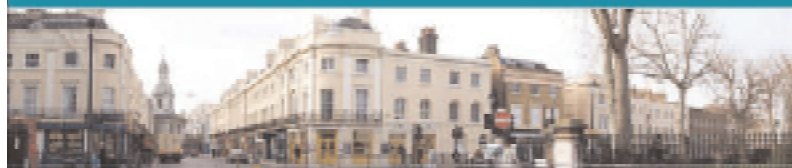
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The scheme would close College Approach and King William Walk (north end) to all traffic, except for access.

Greenwich Council has commissioned studies, including a computerised model, to assess the effects of several traffic management options.

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YIP HOORAY: young people from the Youth Impact Project meet minister Ed Balls, former Charlton star Paul Elliott, council leader Chris Roberts and local MPs Clive Efford and Nick Raynsford at The Valley

It's Ed's - you win!

Minister applauds ambition of project students

GREENWICH teenagers who have netted both education and self-confidence on a unique programme at The Valley showcased their moves for Ed Balls.

The government's Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families came to visit the Youth Impact Project (YIP) which has attracted almost 500 local 16-to-19-year-olds since it started in March, 2008.

The scheme is managed jointly by Charlton Athletic's Race and Equality (CARE) partnership with Greenwich Council and the football club's Community Trust (CACT).

Now over 60 per cent of the first students, who gained self-esteem and confidence through working as a team, are going onto college, further training or a job.

The minister told GT: "They

by Pat Greenwood

were articulate, very confident. They knew what they were about. They are also ambitious - even those who haven't got what they want yet. They are still up for it!"

Earlier, he had spoken to an audience which included Greenwich Council leader Chris Roberts, local MPs Clive Efford and Nick Raynsford, and former Addicks' star Paul Elliott.

Ed Balls told them: "If you wanted to make the case for the success of a project I don't think you could have done it in a better and more effective way. Some young people need a second chance."

"If a community is willing to come together, spend money and put in the passion to 'make it happen', then you

will find that the young people will play their part."

Lawrence, now 19, from Plumstead, had gone out to Jamaica to school when a family bereavement here forced him back. He told GT: "I went to The John Roan to finish my education and I got five GCSEs A to C grades. But I was stuck on what to do next."

"Then I got a letter from Connexions saying there was a big careers fair going on here at Charlton. I signed up for this course."

Lawrence is now on a three-year electrical installation college-course and dreams of setting up his own business - maybe in accountancy in the long-term. He said: "We were all helped here to look at different options for our future."

Billie, 20, from Charlton, is a former pupil of Kidbrooke

School. She said: "The first thing we did on this course was some boxing in our group. I'd only ever done it with my older brother!"

Like Lawrence, she now has certificates in a range of skills including First Aid and singing and street-dance. She's currently in an IT apprenticeship, and she's also had work experience in both a primary school and a local crèche. "Eventually, I think I'd like to work with young children," she told GT.

Cllr Roberts said: "I've always referred to Charlton Athletic as being in the Champions' League for their work in the community. Our job is to make sure that we equip our young people with the skills to grasp the opportunities that are the best there have been for the last half-century."

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Alastair Hook, Meantime founder and last year's Brewer of the Year 2008, told GT. "This major investment will secure the future of Meantime and the jobs of our employees, by enabling us to streamline our production. It will also satisfy the growing demand for our beer that we are experiencing as more and more Londoners are aware that great beer is being made on their doorstep. This is going to put Meantime firmly

on the map of London."

Cllr Denise Hyland, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for economy and skills, said: "This is great news for Greenwich. Meantime are an important employer in the borough and, through their achievements, are a great source of local pride in Greenwich." Businesses who want advice on finding premises can contact Greenwich Council Business Support, 020 8921 8689; www.greenwich.gov.uk/business

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The way we were...

Eastside Community Heritage is an independent charity that records and celebrates the histories of people of East and South East London. Right now they're looking for people who worked for the South Metropolitan Gas Company, so...

It's a gas, gas, gas!

THE search is on for former employees of the South Metropolitan Gas Company to help uncover the hidden stories of the people who made the company what it was. Eastside Community Heritage is looking for people who worked at the company to share their memories at a reunion to take place at Greenwich Heritage Centre on Friday, January 8, 2010.

The South Metropolitan Gas Works was the last gas works to be built in London, the brainchild of George Livesey. He received parliamentary permission to build the works on 140 acres of Greenwich Marshes (now the Greenwich Peninsula) in the December of 1880. In keeping with Livesey's religious ideals, frivolous decorative features were not a part of his grand design for the works. However, the two gas holders were the biggest in Europe.

The works were grand, but plain. Livesey later introduced a profit-sharing scheme with the workers, although this was a move unpopular with the union as it included a clause preventing the workers from striking. Despite several problems faced in the early years of the South Metropolitan Gas Works, the works expanded over the following years, providing not only employment but a plethora of social activities and venues which the workers could take advantage of.

The event to be held at the Greenwich Heritage Centre will



GREENWICH GAS: workers, transport and plant from the 1930s to 1950s at the South Metropolitan Gas Company on what is now the Greenwich Peninsula

be an opportunity for former employees of the gas works to get together and talk about old times. Participants are invited to bring along any old photographs, papers and artefacts to show to others, if they have any.

This is a part of the Working Lives of the Thames Gateway project that aims to record the experiences of working in industry in Havering, Newham,

Tower Hamlets, Barking and Dagenham, Greenwich and Bexley. The project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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Stage made for Morrison

CHURLISH though it may seem, it was possible to feel a slight sense of disappointment after the Kerwin Players' presentation of George Bernard Shaw's 'Arms and the Man' at Eltham Little Theatre. Things might have been better if Mr Herbert Morrison had been on stage instead of in the audience.

The origin of any disappointment was a minor mystery because production and performances were excellent. Probably the disappointment squares with Mr L.A. G. Strong's dictum, recently uttered in the same theatre, that "Conflict is the essence of drama". There were plenty of skilfully drawn contrasts but little conflict - and Mr Morrison might have been able to rectify the deficiencies. In fairness to the Kerwins it might be said that probably the fault lay not in the stars but in their author.

'Arms and the Man' is one of Shaw's earlier works, and the dialogue lacks the exquisite balance, devastation and stimulus of some of his other plays. Individual performances had that smooth polish which seem to be inevitable in Kerwin productions and apart from one or two fumbblings for lines, there were very few faults. Walter Bennett's Captain Bluntschli was a model of precision and competence. His salty realism nicely offset the romantic confusions of the Bulgarian hosts.

Charlie King, "K.I." theatre review, December, 1949



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Getting ready for 'Big School'

Primaries flock to Super Learning Day

by Rod Kitson

A SPECIAL day was held for pupils at primary schools to help them prepare for life at secondary school.

Moving to "big school" can be a daunting prospect for pupils, and the Super Learning Day at Charlton House was attended by seven schools.

Nearly 100 pupils from Timbercroft, Rockliffe Manor, Greenslade, Conway, Our Lady Of Grace, St. Joseph's and Francesca Cabrini mixed with one other, took lessons and were even told ghost stories.

Vikki Barrie, humanities co-ordinator at Plumstead Manor secondary, told GT: "We organised the learning day for our 'feeder schools' - primary schools whose pupils may come to us. The idea of today is to give the kids an impression of what it will be like to be in secondary school.

She added: "There are workshops in English, Maths, Citizenship and Geography for the various schools' Year 5 pupils. This is to build on community links and give primary pupils a taste of secondary school lessons."

And at the end of the day, the children were treated to tales on the haunting of the Jacobean mansion on Charlton Road, and were particularly gripped by the story of a young chimney sweep who had perished cleaning one of the great flues.

Nine-year-old Greenslade pupil Connor Hill said: "Today has been really fun, being in the lessons and meeting pupils from the other schools has been the best part - that and the ghost stories."

Timbercroft student Thibiga Baskaran, also 9, added: "Maths is my favourite subject and I have definitely enjoyed that the most today."



STAIRWAY TO SUCCESS: primary pupils at Plumstead Manor Secondary School for the Super Learning Day

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RESIDENTS are being warned about telephone scammers who call offering bogus Council Tax rebates. The warning comes from Greenwich Council and follows recent reports by locals who have been called. Investigations by the Valuation Office Agency, which compiles business ratings and Council Tax lists, show that households across the country have received similar calls. The crooks who claim to be VOA or council officials, tell their victims that they are eligible for thousands of pounds in Council Tax rebate. Householders are then asked to give their credit card or bank details so the money can be refunded. Other scammers ask for a one-off administration fee to process the refund. VOA director of Council Tax, Tim Eden, said: "People must not pay any attention to these crooks and should report such calls to the police. Some of the callers are very aggressive and intimidating to make people pay up, but people should not be fooled into thinking these calls are legitimate. The VOA does not ask people for financial details." Greenwich Council said it would not contact people in this way and advised residents to call the council direct if they have concerns about their council tax banding on 020 8921 4147, email counciltax@greenwich.gov.uk or visit www.greenwich.gov.uk



TO YOUR GOOD ELF! Greenwich Mayor Allan MacCarthy gets in on the act for a festive photo at the Charlton Christmas Cracker. The event on December 5 helped to launch the countdown to Christmas at Charlton House. Visitors to the day of seasonal events met live reindeer and had a chat with Santa in his grotto. There was also a chance to talk about local council services in a Talk Cafe as well as purchase gifts and produce from a festive farmer's market.





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Sainsbury Pharmacy Bugsby Way, SE10	09.00 – 19.00

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Boots the Chemist 96-104 High St, SE9	10.00 – 16.00
Boots the Chemist, Greenwich Park St, SE7	08.00 – 12.00
Sainsbury's Pharmacy, 55 Bugsby Way, SE10	11.00 – 17.00



For a full list of all opening times go to <http://www.greenwich.nhs.uk/a/2049>



Beverley Parkinson left London and is now enjoying life in Greenwich Connecticut. Here she writes about ...

Christmas in Connecticut

THE holiday spirit is in full force here in Greenwich Connecticut. Our main retail area known as 'The Avenue' is looking very festive with the shops draped in pretty lights, wreaths and decorations. Many of the local stores are trying to entice seasonal customers by offering sales, special offers and loyalty schemes to accompany their Christmas music and spiced apple cider. New shops that have opened up on The Avenue include a large Ralph Lauren store and a shiny Apple computer store – both of which are stunning. The weekend of December 5 and 6 was lots of fun on The Avenue. Christmas music was played loudly from the local bank, holiday carolers, bell ringers and singing groups from Greenwich area churches made merry as they strolled up and down and a person dressed as a reindeer was bellowing 'Merry Christmas' to the children. More 'live' reindeer were found at McArdle's Florist and Garden Centre – Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Donner and Blitzen were



IN FESTIVE SPIRITS: Beverley visits live reindeer while baby Austin gets acquainted with Santa

camped outside, waiting patiently for their feeding times at 9am and 4pm, where anyone was welcome to come and watch the beautiful animals. Inside the garden Centre was Santa – who was perched on his sleigh, waiting for children and adults alike to come and have their photographs taken with the jolly fellow. It was a slick set-up and Santa even had his

own, genuine long white beard. On the Sunday we took Austin along to have his photograph taken with Santa – and despite his mere six months of age, Austin wasn't at all scared but instead was smiley and entertained by the whole experience. The proceeds from the Santa and reindeer experience at McArdle's goes to the charity 'Kids in Crisis' –



which is Connecticut's only facility for children newborn to age 17. It provides free services such as temporary shelter, counselling, medical care and specialized educational support for children struggling with issues such as abuse, neglect, abandonment, family health issues and family conflict. Founded in 1978, the Kids in Crisis mission is a simple one: to keep every child safe and sound. More than 96,000 families have been helped through the use of their

temporary shelters, crisis intervention services and community programmes. Later that same Sunday we collected our dog Archie from the pet groomers, where another in-store Santa was available for photograph opportunities. We couldn't resist and Archie too was photographed with Santa – but this time the proceeds went to homeless animals and Santa was on temporary loan from the doggy day camp and didn't come with his own white beard! Many of the local churches are hosting carol services, including 'Carols by candlelight at Christ Church' who will celebrate their 75th anniversary tradition. It's based on the traditional Christmas Eve Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, first introduced in 1918 at King's College Chapel in Cambridge and broadcast live by the BBC since 1928. We're looking forward to Christmas here in Greenwich Connecticut and send lots of Merry Christmas wishes to all you readers in Greenwich UK.

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Tree-mendous

Pupils branch out in new outdoor classroom

FOREST school at South Rise is ending its first term with scores of happy, muddy, children!

The primary school on the hill in Brewery Road, Plumstead, has turned the sloping laurel-copse by the path into the nursery into a nature classroom, enjoyed by up to 150 pupils each week. Former Year 1 teacher Andrea Rantell is now full time forest-school leader, and, when GT called in, the five-year-olds were planting holly, dogwood, dog rose and hawthorn cuttings, donated by The Woodland Trust. They're hoping the new growth will attract some different species of wildlife.

Andrea told us: "Staff volunteers cleared the middle of the site before the summer. It was hard work, but it was definitely worth it. All the pupils are so happy out here – and so engaged. Behaviour out here is fabulous. Children get a chance to learn in their own way."

Some of the more inventive regulars have even made a musical percussion instrument out of spare wood that they've found. "We've already used it to sing 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star' together," said Andrea.

Matthew was busy making a tent – but the big challenge was how to make it waterproof.

Luke was handing out imaginary 'swipe cards' from his folder to allow



WOODLAND WONDERS: a group of South Rise five-year-olds get planting and climbing in the Forest school

visitors access to the darkest part of the tiny forest.

Tenzin, also aged five, said: "I like the digging. And sometimes we do mud face-painting!"

Next year, South Rise is hoping to join forces with neighbouring schools and set up a collective forest school in collaboration with Plumstead Common Environment Group.

£6.6 million in the bag to make Squares sparkle

FUNDING for the Woolwich Squares project is now in place - and they'll make the town centre sparkle by spring, 2011. A total of £6.6 million has been secured from central government, Thames Gateway, Transport for London and developers.

If councillors agree to a report tonight (December 15), preliminary work on General Gordon and Beresford Squares will begin in the New Year with construction starting in April, 2010. Woolwich market will remain open throughout the construction. Deputy council leader Peter Brooks, who is also the cabinet member for regeneration, told GT: "Both squares are enshrined within the history of the town centre and the role Woolwich has played in the wider history of the country."

"The transformation is about preserving and improving these local landmarks so that they can be enjoyed well into the future."

"The council is committed to the regeneration of Woolwich and delivering modern services, excellent transport links, more jobs, decent and affordable housing and leisure facilities."

Award-winning landscape architect Gustafson Porter's features will include:

- A new water feature suitable for children's play.
- New access routes across the Square to key locations such as DLR & Rail stations.
- New trees and shrubs
- New terraces and seating
- New lighting to enhance the settings of the Woolwich Equitable and Royal Arsenal Gatehouse buildings.
- New stalls and layout for Woolwich market
- New paving around the Squares to compliment the recent TfL improvements.

Both Squares will have technology installed that would allow them to be used for public events.

Get in charge of your money

A REAL alternative to the banks for local people who want to save and borrow has been relaunched in the borough.

Greenwich Credit Union - formerly known as Timeline - has members who make regular savings each week or month which are pooled and allow borrowing for things like holidays, Christmas or emergency costs.

Greenwich and Woolwich MP Nick Raynsford and Cllr Denise Hyland, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for economy and skills, welcomed the re-launch in Woolwich Town Hall on November 27.

The Credit Union is a locally-run community finance service. Since it opened in 1998, it has become one of the most successful in England with over 4,000 members and an annual turnover of £2 million. Its members come from all walks of life and every part of the borough.

Credit unions have been

largely unaffected by the banking crisis because they aren't driven by making profits for external shareholders. At the same time they are very safe because they are regulated by the government and members' savings are fully protected by the government's financial compensation scheme.

Members pay a very low interest rate which helps to cover the running costs and any surplus funds are

returned to members as an annual dividend on savings.

Cllr Hyland said: "I'd like to congratulate the credit union on its success so far, and welcome its name change, because now it 'says on the tin' exactly what it does. From its small beginnings it has now become an important part of the Greenwich economy, employing four staff and looking after the savings of so many local people."

"It shows what can be done

by a small group of people with a vision to achieve something worthwhile."

Nick Raynsford said the government fully supported credit unions and would be introducing new legislation to help promote their growth. From next year, organisations will be able to join their local credit union, hold shares and take out loans.

If you want to join the Credit Union, fill in their application form and start saving now. You can set up separate savings accounts for Christmas and holidays and after three months you can apply for a first loan. There is a fixed interest rate and loans generally cost far less than anything else available on the high street or internet.

● **THE Credit Union office is based at 48 Thomas Street, Woolwich, next to Marks and Spencer and is open 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday. Telephone 020-8855 4344 or visit their website www.greenwichcreditunion.co.uk**



PART OF THE UNION: Nick Raynsford and Cllr Hyland at the re-launch

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So here it is Me

FERRIER friends from far and near flocked to the estate for the third annual festive 'tree dressing'. The ancient ceremony, to celebrate the environment and the community, had a special musical theme this year. Lots of glittery instrument-mobiles filled the branches (put up by the Greenwich Council tree-surgeons), and Mayor Allan McCarthy led a procession of instrument-lanterns to the music of the Valentinos street-band. The Ferrier Estate was named after classical singer, Kathleen Ferrier, and its central Telemann Square was named after 18th century composer Georg Telemann. Nearby Thomas Tallis School in Kidbrooke Park Road honours another composer, and its pupils brought their steel band along. Ferrier is currently part of one of Europe's biggest regeneration programmes. Around two thirds of the tenants have now been rehoused. Many of the remaining tenants will have the opportunity to move directly into the new homes being built. Telemann Square remains the focal point, and, for the past month, people of all ages – supported by Greenwich

Community College, Thomas Tallis and Holy Family schools and Holy Spirit Church, along with the Kidbrooke Vietnamese Chinese Supplementary School and the Somali Parents' Initiative – have been making the lanterns in the community halls. Greenwich Community Food Co-op was handing out fruit on the night, Greenwich Local Labour and Business (GLLaB) was around to give jobs and training advice, and the local NHS was offering free health checks. Later in the evening there was a firework display and free hot soup from the Guarida Café, a social enterprise created by local resident Rosa Goncalves. Reps from Berkeley Homes and from Southern Housing Group were around throughout the evening to answer questions about the Ferrier redevelopment programme.

The preparatory work for Phase 1 – on the southern side of the old estate – is well underway, and, all being well, the handover of some of the first 450 houses and flats will start towards the end of next year. Grandmother Veronica Addai Bonsu, who has lived on the Ferrier for 27 years, told GT: "I'll be sad to leave. This place

was my stepping-stone. When I first arrived, I couldn't read or write. I went to the New Horizons group on here, and my tutor took me and registered me in the children's section of the local library.

"Now I've done a degree in Reflexology. I also have a diploma in Head-Massage."

Young mum Mercy Warner, who has two boys and a girl, was on Ferrier for seven years before moving to Middle Park, Eltham. She and the family returned to make a paper drum for the lantern procession.

She said: "This event is fun. Everyone would normally just stay in their houses, but something like this brings everyone together."

Off licence proprietors Mohan and Kuldip Plaha, who have been on the estate for 25 years, came to their shop-door to watch the procession go by. Mohan said: "This is lovely. We always enjoy it." Police Sergeant Neil Washington, who heads up the Ferrier 'Safer Neighbourhoods' team of officers, told us: "It's a fantastic event. It brings a real sense of unity."

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Council contact

The Council Contact Centre is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. When the main Contact Centre is closed, there is an Out of Hours service on 020 8854 8888. An out of hours service will operate on December 25, 26, 27 and 28 although the Contact Centre will be open from 8am-1pm on December 26 and 27. An out of hours service will operate on January 1, 2 and 3 although the Contact Centre will be open from 8am-1pm on January 2 and 3.

Easy tree recycling

Live Christmas trees will be collected from the kerbside for recycling. Simply leave them out with your green lidded food and waste bin on your usual collection day.



Festive spirits the borough of yule tide

Shops treat

A DEDICATED mum-of-four and her family were presented with an early Christmas present by retailers as part of a festive good deed for the community.

Single mum Wendy Gapp received a hamper full of special gifts donated by high street stores at Greenwich Shopping Park as part of its Family of the Year competition.

Retailers at the park in Bugsby's Way, Charlton, put together a hamper of goods to help give one deserving family a stress-free Christmas. The prize also includes free training sessions donated by Charlton Athletic Football Club.

The Gapp family, including 21-year old Lisa were nominated as Greenwich Shopping Park's Family of the Year by Greenwich Mencap, which supports over 200 families in the borough each year. Eldest daughter Lisa, who has severe

learning disabilities, supported by the charity for years.

The Gapps' family are supported by the charity for years.



DESERVING: Josie, mum Wendy Gapp and brother, Finn with son

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Market treasures

COME and explore Greenwich market and the town centre's quirky shops which are packed with Christmas treasures. The market opens daily from 10am-5.30pm and a special Christmas market will be trading every day up to Christmas Eve and on December 27, 28, 30 and 31. Visit www.greenwich-market.net



COMPETITION WINNER: Jenny Chu holding her Christmas card and gift card, deputy head Gill Swan, left, and Eva Christmas from Charlton Triangle Homes, right, offer their congratulations

Special greetings from a card sharp

A humorous card of Santa Clause stuck in a chimney will bring Christmas cheer to clients, customers and tenants of Charlton Triangle Homes. The housing association, which manages 1200 homes in the Charlton Triangle area, teamed up with Cherry Orchard Primary School and asked the children to design a Christmas card that they could send out. The competition was open to all pupils and more than 140

designs were received. The winning entry, chosen by housing association staff, came from Year 5 pupil Jenny Chu, whose illustration showed artistic flair and a good sense of humour. A thrilled Jenny, whose favourite subjects are art, maths, science and religious education, received a £25 gift voucher as her prize as well as seeing her design printed and made into Christmas Cards.

Community Regeneration Officer for Charlton Triangle Homes, Eva Christmas said: "Charlton Triangle Homes prides itself with strong community links which includes links with all the local schools. All the children at Cherry Orchard did so well and worked very hard. They came up with many original ideas and they should all be very proud of themselves. Choosing the winner was very hard."

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explained why she felt the family should win: "I have worked with mum Wendy and Lisa for over a year now and I can see such a difference in them as a family unit, they have struggled for many years and have really appreciated Greenwich Mencap's support. Lisa's younger sisters, Josie and Paddi and little brother Finn do so well to help support each other and deserve some extra special festive cheer." She added: "With Greenwich Mencap's support, Lisa now goes to college one day a week to help develop her social skills through different activities including arts and crafts. We provide a lot of emotional support as well as advice on practical issues such as benefits schemes available to the family. They are so deserving of a special stress-free treat this Christmas, and I'm delighted that they have been

chosen". Sian Nicholls, spokesperson for Greenwich Shopping Park, said: "Christmas can be a tough time of year for many for one reason or another, but we were touched by the Gapp family story and to also recognise the support offered by Mencap to so many local families. Offering a hamper full of gifts donated by the stores at Greenwich Shopping Park will hopefully make this Christmas stress-free for a family who truly deserves it."

- Greenwich Shopping Park is extending its trading hours to 8pm with some stores open until 10pm on weekdays until December 23 to help give everyone a more stress-free Christmas. And there'll be face-painting and balloon modelling for children at WHSmith on December 22 from 4-8pm. Visit www.greenwichshoppingpark.com



SANTA FORWARD: top marks go to Fossdene primary school in Charlton for staging their very own Christmas musical, The Santa Code, where a dastardly businessman tries to pension off Santa and Rudolph in the name of progress. Needless to say, the plot is foiled in the play by music teacher Dean Thompson, who wrote all the words and music. The pupils worked in their lunch breaks to learn their lines and songs, and were rewarded by whoops and hollers from a packed audience on December 9.

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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 165

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.
For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in Greenwich Time or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Please note there will be NO GreenwichHomes PUBLICATION ON 23 & 30 DECEMBER 2009.

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 6 January 2010 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 20 December 2009**.

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:
 English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :
 French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:
 Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich (Guri-Ijaar Ku-saleysan kala-doorashao) Khadka Ku-fartanka waxaa laga helaa:
 Somali 020 8921 4345

Greenwich Konutları (Tercihle Dayalı Kiralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme Hatı Türkçe de aranabiliyor:
 Turkish 020 8921 4347

格林威治家居 (揀選租屋計劃) 開通電話競投專線:
 Cantonese 020 8921 4370

கீர்ன்விச் இல்லங்கள் (தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட வாடகை வீடுகள்) எலப் பிரிவு தொலைபே இயக்கு கிடைக்கும்:

Tamil 020 8921 4300

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Only priority applicants can apply

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 95972
Langbrook Road SE3
2 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H.
£88.13 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 96521
Ealdham Square SE9
3 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H.
£99.20 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 98417
Walmer Terrace SE18
3 Bed Grnd Floor Mals Garden .No Pkg.
Entry phone. Rad C/H
£86.16 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99022
Charlton Lane SE7
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£78.30 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99053
Sovereign House Europe Road SE18
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Comm. Gas Htg
£92.81 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99163
Middle Park Avenue SE9
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Unlifted. Rad C/H
£77.49 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99522
Ravens Way SE12
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
No Pkg. Rad C/H
£77.68 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99524
Alderwood Road SE9
3 Bed House Garden
No Pkg. Rad C/H
£102.40 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99601
Anstridge Road SE9
2 Bed House Garden
No Pkg. Rad C/H
£96.61 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 99905
Ravine Grove SE18
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Entry phone . Rad C/H
£75.22 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100223
Fairfax Gardens Whetstone Rd SE3
3 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H.
£94.29 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100423
Ospringe Court Alderwood Road SE9
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
No Pkg. Rad C/H
£79.50 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100448
Eynsham Drive SE2
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Garden. No Pkg.
Rad C/H.
£77.13 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100449
Gilbourne Road SE18
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Entry phone. No Pkg
Rad C/H.
£82.53 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100452
Clendon Way SE18
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mals
Unlifted. No Pkg
Rad C/H.
£79.36 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100465
The Mound SE9
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
No Pkg. Rad C/H
£84.47 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100499
Brewery Road SE18
3 Bed Parl House
Garden. No Pkg.
Rad C/H.
£103.49 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 100922
Herbert Road SE18
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Rad C/H
No Dogs.
£94.36 pw Bands A&B

Please note you will not be able to bid without a reference number.
It is very important that you keep this safe.

For information or assistance contact our Allocations Team on: 020 8921 2941 Textphone (minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: housing-needs-unit@greenwich.gov.uk
Fax: 020 8854 7212

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 97962
Ann Street SE18
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£68.86 pw Band C



Ref Number: 98950
Marble House Felspar Close SE18
2 Bed 5th Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
No Pkg. Rad C/H
£82.60 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 99104
St Domingo House Leda Road SE18
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
No Pkg. Comm. Gas Htg
£84.47 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 99702
Plantagenet House Leda Road SE18
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£92.81 pw Band C



Ref Number: 99823
St Domingo House Leda Road SE18
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
No Pkg. Comm. Gas Htg
£84.47 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 99943
Bingham Point Wilmount St SE18
1 Bed 4th Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£68.74 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100022
Prince Henry Rd SE7
2 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H. Min. 1 Child
Under 16
£95.28 pw Band C.



Ref Number: 100086
Frances Street SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£71.77 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100343
Belson Road SE18
Bedsit Grnd Floor Flat
Entry phone. No Pkg
Rad C/H.
£65.21 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100385
Middle Park Ave SE9
Bedsit Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H.
£71.74 pw Band C.
F/T Perm. Employ.
Earning under £25k p.a.



Ref Number: 100429
Middle Park Ave SE9
Bedsit Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H.
£71.74 pw Band C.
F/T Perm. Employ.
Earning under £25k p.a.



Ref Number: 100443
Luffield Road SE2
Bedsit 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Gas Fire & Rad
C/H
£64.38 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 100463
Edington Road SE2
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
No Pkg. Rad C/H
Min. 1 Child Any Age
£77.13 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 100839
Keynes Court Attlee Road SE28
1 Bed 7th Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£84.53 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100880
Whinchat Rd SE28
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£85.31 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100881
Poplar Place SE28
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Entry phone. Rad C/H
£83.98 pw. Band C.
Over 40s



Ref Number: 100940
Besant Court Titmuss Ave SE28
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
No Dogs. Rad C/H
£83.81 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100961
Clothworkers Road SE18
2 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H. Max 1 Child
under 16
£98.89 pw Band C.



Ref Number: 100822
Clothworkers Road SE18
2 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H.
£98.89 pw Band C



Ref Number: 100962
Cross Court Titmuss Ave SE28
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
No Dogs. Rad C/H
£81.01 pw. Band C

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these



Ref Number: 100963
Beveridge Court
Saunders Way SE28
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted, Entry phone
No Dogs, Rad C/H
£78.91 pw, Band C

Please ensure that you only bid for properties that you are genuinely interested in. If your bid is successful and you then fail to attend the arranged viewing your priority could be removed or your application suspended.

Only applicants aged 50+ can apply



Ref Number: 100719
Granby Road Eltham SE9
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Gdn, No dogs Rad C/H
£95.76 pw Band C,
Over 60s



Ref Number: 100882
Edensmuir Court
Stratheden Road SE3
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Unlifted, Entry phone
Rad C/H, No Dogs
£106.33 pw Band C,
Over 55s

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need.

Our current ready to let vacancies include:

One Person Properties

Beacham Close, Charlton SE7, Ground floor, Studio flat.
Bill Walden House, Woolwich SE18, 1st floor, Studio flat.
Defiance Walk, Woolwich Dockyard SE18, 2nd floor Studio flat.
Greenlawns, Woolwich SE18, 2nd Floor Studio flat
Cooper Court, Herbert Rd SE18, 3rd floor Studio flat.
Fred Styles House, Charlton SE7 1st Floor Studio flat
Garnett Close, Eltham, SE9, Ground floor, Studio flat.
Haven Lodge, Woolwich SE18, 2nd floor Studio flat
Len Clifton House, Woolwich SE18, 1st floor Studio flat
40 Littleheath, Charlton SE7, 1st floor Studio flat
Sarah Turnbull House, Woolwich SE18, 3rd floor Studio flat.
Strand Court, Plumstead SE18, 4th Floor Studio flat.
174 Swingate Lane, Plumstead Common SE18, 3rd floor Studio flat.
Wentworth House, Blackheath, SE3, 3rd Floor Studio flat.

Two-Person Properties

Collerston House, Greenwich, SE10, 1 Bed, 2 Person, Ground floor flat.
Defiance Walk, Woolwich, SE18, 1 Bed, 2 person ground floor Flat.
Green Lawns, Woolwich, 1 Bed, 2 Person ground floor flat.
Swingate Lane, Plumstead, SE18, 1Bed, 2 Person, 3rd floor flat.
Strand Court, Plumstead, SE18, 2 Bed, 1st floor flat.
All the above properties are lifted.

If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring
020 8921 2696,
all applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment



www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Multiple viewings are arranged for all advertised properties including those from **Registered Social Landlords**. This means that:

- the top three eligible households who successfully bid and are eligible for a property will be invited to view the property.
- each household will receive a letter giving them an appointment to view the property and telling them their position on the bidding list, ie 1st, 2nd, 3rd (this position is based on the applicant's registration date or date of priority).
- following the viewing, the property will be offered to the highest placed applicant who accepts the property.

If you have any queries regarding this you can contact us on **020 8921 2941**.

Small is beautiful the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller.

The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained.

To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

- 3 bedroom to a 1 bedroom home
- 3 bedroom parlour/4 bedroom to a 1 or 2 bedroom home
- 5 bedroom to a 3 bed (or smaller) home

For more information contact the Project Team

on tel: **020 8921 2671**

telephone: **020 8921 2996/2657**

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 162

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Webb Court Attlee Road SE28 8DW	1	FLAT	130	18/02/2004	C
Titmuss Avenue SE28 8DH	3	MAISONETTE	90	16/06/2006	C
Nectarine Way SE13 7LX	3	MAISONETTE	130	14/06/2005	C
Ann Street SE18 7LT	3	MAISONETTE	20	26/08/2009	B
Plumstead High Street SE18 1JN	3	MAISONETTE	140	22/03/2006	C
Frances Street SE18 5LA	2	FLAT	162	29/01/2008	C
Muller House Connaught Road SE18 6UQ	2	MAISONETTE	145	07/05/2008	C
Jago Close SE18 2TY	1	FLAT	31	09/03/2009	B
Westhorne Avenue SE9 6TF	3	FLAT	40	15/12/1986	A
Muller House Connaught Road SE18 6UQ	1	FLAT	200	14/01/2007	C
Glyndon Road SE18 7PA	2	MAISONETTE		No Eligible Bids	
Albion Court Pett Street SE18 5NZ	3	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
Churchbury Road SE9 5JB	2	FLAT	22	12/10/2006	B
Winchester House Portway Gardens SE18 4PH	0	FLAT	70	04/04/2007	C
Edington Road SE2 9JS	1	FLAT	25	13/12/2005	B
Bostall Lane SE2 0QT	2	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
Bromholm Road SE2 9ND	1	FLAT	200	16/04/2007	C
Maze Hill SE10 9XG	2	HOUSE	48	04/06/1984	A
Woodbrook Road SE2 0PB	3	PARLOUR HSE	24	31/05/2007	B
Erwood Road SE7 8DS	1	FLAT	31	08/05/2008	B
Ridgebrook Road SE3 9QL	1	FLAT	43	10/10/1983	A
Coupland Place SE18 7SW	2	HOUSE	228	07/06/2005	C
John Wilson Street SE18 6QJ	1	FLAT	227	01/01/2004	C
Combwell Crescent SE2 9NA	1	FLAT	16	14/12/2007	B
Squires House Barnfield Road SE18 3UQ	2	FLAT	111	26/03/2007	C
Eleanor Walk SE18 5EA	3	HOUSE	23	31/03/2009	B
Woolwich Church Street SE18 5NQ	3	MAISONETTE	9	15/04/2009	B
Lord Warwick Street SE18 5QB	0	FLAT	72	09/07/2007	C
Granite Street SE18 1LR	3	MAISONETTE		No Eligible Bids	
East Carriage House Royal Carriage Mews SE18 6GL	2	FLAT	10	23/09/2009	B
Bingham Point Wilmount Street SE18 6RJ	1	FLAT	168	09/05/2007	C
Nightingale Place SE18 4HW	2	MAISONETTE		No Eligible Bids	
East Carriage House Royal Carriage Mews SE18 6GL	2	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
East Carriage House Royal Carriage Mews SE18 6GL	2	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
Frances Street SE18 5LB	2	FLAT	114	17/01/2008	C
Penfold House Wrotesley Road SE18 3RB	2	FLAT	116	08/02/2008	C
East Carriage House Royal Carriage Mews SE18 6GL	3	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
Bevan Road SE2 0UT	1	FLAT	194	03/08/2004	C
East Carriage House Royal Carriage Mews SE18 6GL	2	FLAT	130	06/12/2006	C
East Carriage House Royal Carriage Mews SE18 6GP	3	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
East Carriage House Royal Carriage Mews SE18 6GL	3	FLAT	122	08/07/2004	C
East Carriage House Royal Carriage Mews SE18 6GP	3	FLAT	11	09/03/2005	B
Casterbridge Road SE3 9AH	2	FLAT	18	23/08/1976	A
Harold Wilson House Amott Close SE28 8BD	1	FLAT	88	02/02/2004	C
Azile Everitt House Blendon Terrace SE18 7SR	1	FLAT	16	11/11/2009	B
Besant Court Titmuss Avenue SE28 8BL	1	FLAT	111	13/03/2007	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	2	HOUSE	283	25/04/2005	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent	3	HOUSE	38	22/05/2009	B
Cross Court Titmuss Avenue SE28 8BY	2	FLAT	79	30/05/2008	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE	26	12/08/2009	B
Redwing Path SE28 0DL	2	HOUSE	180	14/07/2005	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE	27	23/03/2009	B
Willow Lane Woolwich SE18 5TB	1	FLAT	255	31/01/2002	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE		No Eligible Bids	
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE		No Eligible Bids	
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	3	HOUSE	356	15/05/2003	C
Byron Terrace Rectory Field Crescent SE7 7FB	2	HOUSE	33	08/01/1996	A

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Music

Alicia singing in all the right Keys - P24



Movies

Ava look at this film - in 3D! - P24



Two crackers

Mother Goose at Greenwich Theatre and **Peter Pan** at The O2 - we asked EDEN LINTON, aged 11, to report on one and the Bishops on the other...



MOTHER Goose is full of laughs and enchantment. I think every child, teenager and adult will love this show because it is really

a hilarious comedy.

The actors and singers were really talented and seemed to have as much fun acting as we did watching - and the background dancers were fantastic and were really energetic.

Mother Goose, the pantomime, is a fairy tale set in Nursery Rhyme Land, in which Old Mother Hubbard (played by Andrew Pollard) can't afford to pay the rental on her house.

She and her young daughter Mary (Madeline Appiah), who is in love with Tom, the piper's son, haven't got much time left until their house will be taken away from them. Their good friend Georgie Porgie (Paul Critoph) is trying to delay the cause for as long as possible so that Old Mother Hubbard has time to get the money they need to pay the rent. Here enters Fairy Featherlight (Stephanie Ticknell-Smith), on a mission to gain her wings by doing a good deed, sends Old Mother Hubbard a goose called Priscilla to live with her. Incidentally,

she doesn't know that the goose lays golden eggs. Meanwhile, Demonica Baddegg, an interfering Queen of the demons, (Manal El-Feitury) has a plan to stop Old Mother Hubbard (who has changed her name to Mother Goose) from getting all that she has ever wanted. Playing on Mother Goose's vanity, Demonica hatches a plan to possess the golden goose for herself. What follows is an hilarious adventure full of nursery rhyme fun, gags, love, deceit, danger and friendship. The crowd was enthusiastic and cooperated in creating a magical atmosphere. Everybody loved the 'Oh no they didn't's', and personally this is the best pantomime I have been to by far. It was a wonderful night of entertainment for my whole family and I highly recommend it.

Eden Linton

*Mother Goose continues to Sunday 3 January
Box Office 020 8858 7755;
www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk*



GOLDEN MOMENT: Mother Goose lays the golden egg

Calling art lovers!

Local artist Ben Oakley has an exhibition on at the Pop Up shop next to Rhodes Bakery in College Approach in Greenwich Town Centre. The mixed media show is on until December 24 and the artist is also hoping to pull local artists together and form a networking group. Email Ben@asthmapods.com or call 07976 692 751

Behind the scenes

Anyone out there in tune with Orwell?



AT Greenwich Theatre we have been uncovering and developing new musicals for nearly ten years, with a number of our discoveries

going on to full production either here, elsewhere around the country or around the world.

Just as we would with a new work by a playwright, we invest a lot of time in reading early drafts of material, listening to or watching rough performances, and spending time with a writer, talking through their ideas and finding ways to turn the stuff of their imagination into theatre.

However, one of the key differences in developing a new musical lies in the number of writers you deal with on each project. There are not many plays with more than one writer, but there are not many musicals with less than two - one for the words, and one for the music. At the moment we are in the interesting position of having a writer working with us on the words for a new musical, but no composer, and that is what we are now searching for. So how would you set this to music?

Well, you've all read *Animal Farm* About the pigs that mean you harm They all know how to twist the truth to lies. They lead their comrades on Until comradeship is gone You can only weep when you hear how Boxer dies. You will probably realise, even from these few brief lyrics, that our subject for this piece of musical theatre is George Orwell, the writer who coined the phrase Big Brother, and who gave us *Animal Farm*, 1984, *Down and Out in Paris and London*, *Keep the Aspidochelone* and so much more. Telling his life story and celebrating his finest work, the show could have a cabaret style, or maybe it would be better suited by a folk feel.

The right composer will no doubt have the answer - and also to these lines from the interestingly titled 'Grouchy Marxist': You looked and listened but never believed.

When Kruschew finally spilled the beans You had to think up something fast You had to justify the means They called a quorum in a comrade's room.

To vote on what they already knew By ten past nine they found the line It was just a phase we had to go through Okay, so they practised torture But you got to see the wider picture Our writer is a Greenwich writer, and we would love this to become a true Greenwich project, so if you are a composer and would like to know more simply contact me at the theatre on 020-8858 4447 or email j.haddrell@greenwichtheatre.org.uk

James Haddrell Director, Greenwich Theatre

HOOKED: Jonathan Hyde as Captain Hook in *Peter Pan* at The O2



Pan-tastic show

JOE and Samantha Bishop took six-year-old Harrison with little sister Evie and best friend Charlotte to The O2 for *Peter Pan* and were bowled over by the classy event.

"It had the feel of a very superior circus as it was staged in a purpose-built pavilion that seats 1,350 at the back of The O2," said Joe. "The 360-degree projected scenery was truly spectacular. When the flying to Neverland started they were flying over London and it was incredibly well done.

"Harrison and the two girls were swooning at this point, but people have to realise that's it's not a pantomime but a proper show for

all the family. Part of it was very moving and quite serious, as in any drama, and *Peter Pan* was excellent, very athletic.

"The choreography was great, especially a slow-motion sword fight on the ship, and there were moments or originality that kept you on your toes."

Harrison said: "It was really excellent. I liked the crocodile because he burped when he ate Captain Hook!" Evie: "I loved the flying and the crocodile. It made me laugh."

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Highlights of the week



BBC One
Gavin & Stacey,
Thursday, 17th 9pm

Pete and Dawn prepare to renew their wedding vows, Gavin feels uncomfortable with Gwen and Bryn knowing about his sex life, and Dave hears about the events of the curry night.



BBC Two
Have I Got News for You
Xmas 2008,
Saturday, 19th 10.55pm

Alexander Armstrong hosts this festive romp through the headlines of 2008, with Noddy Holder and Frank Skinner joining regulars Ian Hislop and Paul Merton.



ITV1
The Fattest Man in Britain,
Sunday, 20th 9pm

Feature-length comedy drama about the biggest man in the country and his agent, in charge of feeding him up and making sure he retains his title.

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**Channel 4****Heston's Christmas Feast,**
Friday, 18th 9pm

Chef Heston Blumenthal creates a unique festive feast inspired by dishes of the past, including an appetiser made of whale vomit and an edible Christmas scene.

**Five****Michael Jackson: 30th Anniversary Concert,**
Monday, 21st 10pm

The king of pop's anniversary concert from 2001, celebrating his 30 years as a solo performer and featuring appearances by Destiny's Child and Whitney Houston.

**Film of the Week****Donkey Punch,**
Friday, 18th 11.40pm

Premiere. Three women join a group of men for a party, but a death turns them against one another. Thriller, with Jaime Winstone and Nichola Burley.

Digital & Cable**Tuesday****There's Something About Mary,**
E4, 10pm

A lovelorn man has never got over his high-school sweetheart Mary since their one disastrous date, so hires a sleazy private eye to track her down. However, the detective also falls for the woman in question, and it soon emerges there are a few more men out there competing for her affections.

**Wednesday****Art of Russia,**
BBC Four, 9pm

Art historian Andrew Graham-Dixon explores the role of art in the country's political evolution at the beginning of the 20th century, when it changed from aristocratic feudalism to socialism. He examines how artists moved on from copying the style of their European counterparts.

Thursday**Bones,**
Sky1, 9pm

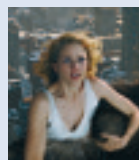
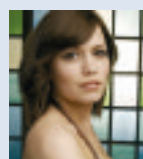
A botched robbery results in the death of a man dressed up as Father Christmas, leaving Booth and Brennan to investigate what happened. Zoëe Deschanel guest stars as Margaret Whitesell, for a first screen appearance with her real life sister Emily (Brennan).

**Friday****Crooked House,**
BBC Four, 11.25pm

The curator tells Ben the second in his trilogy of stories about a haunted manor house. In the 1920s, Lady Constance De Mornay hosts a costume ball for her grandson Felix, the heir to the estate. Starring Mark Gatiss, Lee Ingleby, Jean Marsh, Ian Hallard and Jennifer Higham.

Saturday**King Kong,**
ITV2, 10pm

A maverick film-maker and his cast and crew board a ship bound for a mysterious island – but when they arrive, a giant gorilla carries off their leading lady. Peter Jackson's remake of the fantasy adventure, starring Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Andy Serkis and Adrien Brody.

**Sunday****One Tree Hill,**
E4, 7.05pm

Surprise guests make an appearance at Peyton and Lucas's wedding, while Hayley plays an unexpected role in the ceremony. Chad Michael Murray, James Lafferty, Hilarie Burton, Barry Corbin, Paul Johansson and Nick Lachey star.

Monday**Ten Minute Tales,**
Sky1, 10pm

New series. Silent drama about a reclusive woman who has only her neighbour for company. Starring Timothy Spall and Natascha McElhone.



Saturday, 19th December	Sunday, 20th December	Monday, 21st December
6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. 11.30 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen. 12.00 BBC News and Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Olympia International Horse Show. 1.45 Live Swimming. Day two of the Duel in the Pool. 4.30 Final Score. 5.25 BBC News and Weather. 5.45 Merlin. 6.35 Strictly Come Dancing. 7.40 Casualty. 8.30 The National Lottery Draws.	6.00 Breakfast. 7.45 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 9.40 Live at the Apollo. With Rhod Gilbert and John Bishop. 10.10 BBC News: Weather. 11.00 BBC News. 12.05 Car Booty. 12.50 Match of the Day Live. Newcastle United v Middlesbrough [Kick-off 1.00pm]. 3.05 EastEnders. 5.00 The First Christmas: A Songs of Praise Special. 5.40 Life.	6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24.7. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.00 Car Booty. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Only Fools and Horses. 3.00 Keeping Up Appearances. 3.30 Murder, She Wrote. 4.15 Escape to the Country. 5.00 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News. 6.30 Regional News.
6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 The Cut. 12.50 The 5:19 Show. 2.10 Greek. 2.10 Coast. 2.30 Grow Your Own Drugs for Christmas. 3.30 The Hairy Bakers' Christmas Special. 4.30 ⚡ FILM: Dances with Wolves (1990) Oscar-winning Western, starring Kevin Costner. 7.20 Dad's Army. 8.00 A History of Scotland.	9.00 ⚡ FILM: Blade Runner: The Final Cut (1982) Ridley Scott's definitive version of his sci-fi thriller, starring Harrison Ford and Rutger Hauer. 10.55 Have I Got News for You Xmas 2008. 11.25 Defying Gravity. 12.10 Defying Gravity. 12.50 BBC Learning Zone. 1.50 ⚡ FILM: Macbeth (1948) Shakespeare's tragedy, directed by and starring Orson Welles. 3.35 BBC News. 4.45 Close.	4.50 ⚡ FILM: The Eagle Has Landed (1976) British World War Two spy adventure, with Michael Caine. 7.00 James May's Toy Stories. 8.00 Top Gear. 9.00 Oz and Hugh Drink to Christmas. 10.00 Have I Got News for You. 10.30 Match of the Day 2. 11.30 Dara O Briain Talks Funny: Live in London. 12.30 Room 101. 1.00 BBC Learning Zone. 2.00 Defying Gravity. 3.30 ⚡ FILM: To Let (2006)
6.00 GMTV. 9.25 CITV. 10.35 ⚡ FILM: Tooth (2004) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Yasmin Paige. 12.20 News: Weather. 12.25 Best Ever Family Films. 1.25 ⚡ FILM: Jack Frost (1998) Family fantasy drama, starring Michael Keaton. 3.15 ⚡ FILM: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004) Live-action comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. 5.00 London Tonight.	5.15 ITV News: Weather. 5.30 Kids Do the Funniest Things. 6.30 Take That: The Circus Live. 8.00 Stars on the Street. 9.00 ⚡ FILM: Love Actually (2003) British romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Martine McCutcheon. 11.30 ITV News: Weather. 11.45 ⚡ FILM: Ready When You Are, Mr McGill (2003) 1.35 ⚡ FILM: Igby Goes Down (2003) 3.15 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.	7.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Christmas Special. 8.00 Ad of the Decade. 9.00 The Fattest Man in Britain. Feature-length comedy drama, starring Timothy Spall. 11.00 ITV News: Weather. 11.15 ⚡ FILM: Analyze This (1999) Comedy, starring Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow and Chazz Palminteri. 1.05 Quincy ME. 2.05 Traffic. 6.00 You've Been Framed and Famous!
6.10 Planet Cook. 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 World Sport. 7.30 Freeports on 4. 8.00 The Morning Line. 8.55 Friends. 9.25 Pixie Lott Takes Off: T4 Special. 9.55 Music Favourites: Alicia Keys. 10.25 Friends. 11.00 The Hollyoaks Music Show. 11.30 Sherlock Holmes: T4 Premiere Special. 12.00 90210. 1.01 Scrubs. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing from Ascot and Haydock Park. 3.30 My First Year. 5.00 Come Dine with Me.	7.30 Channel 4 News. 8.00 Dover Castle: A Time Team Special. 9.00 Wife Swap: The Last Episode. 10.05 Wife Swap: The Celebrity Episode. 11.10 Wife Swap: The First Episode. 12.15 Live from Abbey Road. 1.20 ⚡ FILM: The Cheaters (1945) Christmas comedy, starring Joseph Schildkraut. 2.45 Deadliest Catch. 3.30 The Hills. 4.50 St Elsewhere. 5.35 One Tree Hill.	6.20 Planet Cook. 6.40 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.05 Ocean Race. 8.00 Beach Volleyball. 8.55 Friends. 9.55 Hollyoaks. 12.25 90210. 1.20 Friends. 1.50 Ugly Betty. 2.50 Friends. 3.20 The Simpsons. 4.25 Deal or No Deal. 5.15 ⚡ FILM: Miracle on 34th Street (1994) Christmas family drama remake, with Richard Dreyfuss. 7.25 Channel 4 News. 7.55 3 Minute Wonder.
6.00 Sunrise. 7.00 Milkshake! 10.00 NFL UK. 11.00 Gadget Show: Gadget of the Decade. 12.00 Britain's Best Brain. 1.00 Animal Rescue Squad. 1.30 ⚡ FILM: The Gnome-Mobile (1967) Children's fantasy, starring Walter Brennan. 2.10 Five News. 3.15 ⚡ FILM: Meet the Santas (2005) Fantasy comedy sequel. 5.10 Knight Rider. 6.45 Five News.	6.50 NCIS. 7.40 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. A casino jackpot winner commits suicide. 8.40 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. 9.40 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. 10.40 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. 11.40 Women Who Kill. 12.10 SuperCasino. 3.55 'Til Death. 4.45 Rough Guide to Activity Holidays. 5.00 Hana's Helpline. 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. 5.35 Thomas & Friends. 5.45 Roary the Racing Car.	6.55 ⚡ FILM: Christmas with the Kranks (2004) Comedy, starring Jamie Lee Curtis. 9.00 ⚡ FILM: Dirty Dancing (1987) Romantic drama, starring Patrick Swayze. 11.05 ⚡ FILM: An American Haunting (2005) Premiere. Fact-based period horror, starring Donald Sutherland. 12.50 NFL Live. A top game. 4.40 NFL Classic. 5.00 Hana's Helpline. 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. 5.35 Thomas & Friends. 5.45 Roary the Racing Car.
		6.00 Sunrise. 7.00 Milkshake! 8.00 Nature Shock. 9.00 Michael Jackson: The Last Days. The circumstances surrounding the singer's death. 10.00 Michael Jackson: 30th Anniversary Concert. 11.50 Michael Jackson Not for Sale. 12.50 SuperCasino. 4.00 True Horror: Dracula. 4.50 'Til Death. 5.15 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour.

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PRECOCIOUS
R&B star Alicia
Keys was
handpicked by
legendary music

producer Clive Davis as one of the flagship artists for his post-Arista label, J Records. No doubt he was as impressed by her multitude of skills - writing, arranging, and production - on her debut album as he was by her music, which combines contemporary hip-hop accoutrements with an old-school soul sensibility. Only 20 years old at the time of her first release, Keys already seemed poised for a major career built on her superb voice and classical piano chops. While hip-hop played a much bigger role on her second effort, 2003's *The Diary Of Alicia Keys*, it was a smash nonetheless, and subsequent recordings have further pushed the boundaries of R&B.

The singer's fourth offering, *The Element of Freedom* features a diverse collection of moods ranging from the edgy to the vulnerable, all based around the theme of freedom. It sees Keys' virtuoso piano work sitting amongst an eclectic mix of styles encompassing retro soul and



modern R&B. It includes the beautiful single *Doesn't Mean Anything* and a follow-up to the Jay-Z track *Empire State of Mind* from his 2009 album, *The Blueprint Vol.3*, on which Keys featured.

Alicia is the woman of the moment, not only is she still dominating the charts with the infectious collaboration track with Jay-Z, but she also wrote Whitney Houston's come-back single *Million Dollar Bill*.

Alicia describes TEOF as a dichotomy of strength and vulnerability. "The music is really strong, and the drums are really aggressive, but my voice is vulnerable and delicate," the singer said. What's more, the new album encapsulates Keys' process of what she describes as "eliminating all of the boundaries and all the limitations, so that you can feel your freedom and express your freedom in every way you possibly can and that's what I did with this album." As it is, Alicia has delivered another album bursting with beautiful melodies, meaningful lyrics and soulful vocals.

Andy Watson

The Element of Freedom is available now at HMV, Greenwich Shopping Park, Charlton

Titanic director sails again

2009 is the year that 3D finally happened, and the period closes with one of the genre's most anticipated films yet - James Cameron's *Avatar*.

Big things are promised from this film, and it is in the running for a hat-full of awards already. So, what's the skinny? Well, a bunch of US Marines are sent off to colonise a distant unsuspecting planet, which they do with the subtlety for which they are apparently renowned. After one of their number falls for a local Na'vi girl and goes totally native, the plot begins to feel a little familiar - but that would be underselling a very special film. First up, this is a great Sci-Fi film, which is always going to benefit from IMAX sound and vision and its groundbreaking 3D action.

Add to that the state-of-

the-art 'motion capture' animation that is de rigueur for quality 3D productions of the now, and the on-screen animated characters have some of the most realistic facial expressions ever produced in animation. At the end of a year of good 3D films *Avatar* is like bringing it all together to create a genuine feeling of discovering a new world. Cameron is famous as the director of *Titanic* and *Aliens* (along with a lot of other massive films) so we know that this will be special, and a great family film for Christmas. Have a great Christmas and watch out for Holmes on Boxing Day!

Martin McHugh

Avatar opens at The Odeon Greenwich on December 16 Certificate 12A



FEELING BLUE: interplanetary goings-on in the 3D caper

Theatreland

New play sweeping the Nation

WHEN a children's book is adapted for theatre, challenges always arise whilst trying to make a production that is both true to the original text, and suitable for all ages of the family.

The latest offering for the National Theatre is Mark Ravenhill's adaptation of the Terry Pratchett novel *Nation*.

There are few authors with the reputation of Terry Pratchett - and the creator of stories loved worldwide by generations of children should have much praise for the latest adaptation of his work.

Directed by Melly Still, *Nation* is the story of Mau, a young man who finds himself the sole survivor on a desert island following a great wave. Mau is not alone for long however, as Daphne, a shipwreck survivor also arrives on the island. Stranded without a common language, the two form a new Nation, where soon they are greeted by refugees of the wave who join them in the search for a new society.

The cast and ensemble are outstanding, led - brilliantly by Gary Carr in the role of Mau and Emily Taaffe as Daphne, the performances transported a gripped audience through the full range of emotions as we joined the characters on a journey exploring themes of community, hope, life and ultimately, death.

But the play is not a perfect piece of theatre by any stretch of the imagination, as with an overall running time of two hours 45 minutes, younger audience members will find it difficult to concentrate for the duration. That said, *Nation*'s positives greatly outweigh the negatives.

With the audience ducking for cover at the sounds of the tsunami and wild animals bought to life in all their glory by Yvonne Stone's puppetry, the play is a breathtaking achievement and one that will inspire all who see it and is, in the main, a wonderful and magical play.

Matt Fricker

Nation is on now at the National Theatre

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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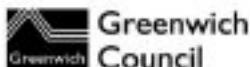
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LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 ANNANDALE ROAD, CALVERT ROAD, HUMBER ROAD, KIRKSID ROAD, MAYSTON MEWS, SIEBERT ROAD, STATION CRESCENT, VANBRUGH HILL, WESTCOMBE HILL AND WOOLWICH ROAD - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES, ONE-WAY WORKINGS, BANNED TURNS, AND PROHIBITION ON PARKING, WAITING AND LOADING

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to facilitate road works and the installation of a new gas main. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:
 - (a) prohibit vehicles from entering, parking, waiting or loading in **Humber Road** (between Westcombe Hill and Ruckin Road), **Kirkside Road** (between Westcombe Hill and Gledhill Road), **Siebert Road** (between Westcombe Hill and Ivista Road), and **Westcombe Hill** (between Westdale Road and Westcombe Park Road);
 - (b) impose one-way working for vehicles, in whichever direction is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, in **Annandale Road, Calvert Road, Humber Road, Kirkside Road, Siebert Road and Westcombe Hill**; and
 - (c) prohibit vehicles from making any turning movement at the following junctions: (i) **Vanbrugh Hill** or **Woolwich Road** at their respective junctions with **Calvert Road** and **Annandale Road**; and (ii) **Westcombe Hill** at its junctions with **Siebert Road, Kirkside Road, Humber Road, Station Crescent and Mayston Mews**.
2. **NOTE:** the above restrictions would not be implemented concurrently and would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties in the affected lengths of road would be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent and operators of the works.
3. Alternative routes are available via local roads.
4. The Order would come into operation on 8th January 2010 and would continue in operation for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately four months to complete.
5. Queries concerning the works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5587.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
Green Building
43 Woolwich New Road
SE18 6HQ

Dated 15th December 2009
(INTERNAL REF: 10080029)



London Borough of Greenwich

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (AS AMENDED)
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The London Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Friday at -

Development Planning, Crown Building 5th Floor, 48 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HQ
or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 16/12/2009

Steve Pallett - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING

Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant: **London Borough of Greenwich** 09/2382/F

MORDEN MOUNT SCHOOL, LEWISHAM ROAD, LEWISHAM, LONDON, SE13 7QP

Development: Construction of a new nursery/reception block.
Drawing Numbers: 633/073/PL01, 02, 03E, 04D, 05C, 06B, 07C, 08C, 09, Design & Access Statement, Tree Survey and Planning Statement
Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL
Conservation Area:

Applicant: **Mr & Mrs C Boardman** 09/2523/F

40 BURNEY STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8EX

Development: Partial demolition and reconstruction of deficit out building and formation of a new window (resubmission).
Drawing Numbers: 8501 Rev A, 8502 Rev A, 8503 Rev B, 8504 Rev B, 8505 Rev B, 8506 Rev B, site location plan and Design and Access Statement.
Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: **London Borough of Greenwich (Design & Projects)** 09/2560/F

BOXGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOXGROVE ROAD, ABBEY WOOD, LONDON, SE2 9JP

Development: Erection of part singlepart two storey extension comprising 4 new classrooms, new entrance/reception area and therapy room/club bay, with provision of 13 car parking and 10 cycle spaces.
Drawing Numbers: 633/073/PL01A, 633/073/PL02C, 633/073/PL03B, 633/073/PL04B, 633/073/PL05B, Ecology Report, Planning Statement, Transport Statement, Tree Survey, Road Risk Assessment and Design and Access Statement.
Library: Woolwich Library, Coldenwood Street, SE18 6QZ
Conservation Area:

Publicity for Listed Building Consent

Applicant: **Mr & Mrs C Boardman** 09/2524/L

40 BURNEY STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8EX

Development: Partial demolition and reconstruction of deficit out building and formation of a new window (resubmission).
Drawing Numbers: 8501 Rev A, 8502 Rev A, 8503 Rev B, 8504 Rev B, 8505 Rev B, 8506 Rev B, site location plan and Design and Access Statement.
Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH
Listed Building: Grade 2

Applicant: **Mr Graham Green** 09/2530/L

16 LUTON PLACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QE

Development: Internal alterations consisting of removal of chimney breast at ground and first floor levels and replacement of stair balustrade.
Drawing Numbers: 099 site location plan, 100, 101, 102, 200, 201 and Design & Access Statement
Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH
Listed Building: Grade 2

Applicant: **Mr & Mrs C Kingsnorth** 09/2582/L

49 LEE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3

Development: Demolition of part rear boundary wall (retrospective).
Drawing Numbers: 248510, 248510, Design & Access Statement and site plan.
Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 3HA
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK
Listed Building: Grade 2

Publicity for Conservation Area Consent

Applicant: **University of Greenwich** 09/1915/C

LAND AT STOCKWELL STREET & JOHN HUMPHRIES HOUSE, STOCKWELL STREET, GREENWICH, SE10 9JN

Development: Demolition of existing buildings and the removal of foundations and load-standing across the site reaching beyond existing ground levels. NECONSULTATION Amended Description.
Drawing Numbers: 1536/400/1001 Rev A, 1536/400/1002, 1536/400/200 Rev C, 1536/400/201 Rev A, 1536/400/202, 1536/400/203 Rev B, 1536/400/304 Rev E, 1536/400/401 Rev C, Sheet 1 of 2, Sheet 2 of 2, Supporting Statement, Archaic Survey Report dated 16 July 2009, Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment dated August 2009, Proposed Hoardings Doc, Heritage Statement-August 2009, Sheets 1 & 2 (photographs), and letters dated 24/8/09 & 25/11/09. AMENDED PLANS
Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH



London Borough of Greenwich
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)
Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (As Amended)
Notice under Article 8 of an application for planning permission accompanied by an Environmental Statement

Proposed Development At: **Land at Greenwich Park, National Maritime Museum, the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich SE10 and Blackheath Circus Field, Blackheath SE3**
Reference Number: 09/2598/F

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to Greenwich Council by The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games Ltd. (LOCOG)

For Full Planning Permission in respect of: The temporary use of the site for the hosting of the Equestrian and Modern Pentathlon events (including the Test Event in 2011) for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. The temporary structures include a 23,000 seat arena, training areas, stabling, a cross country course, operational and site set up and removal compounds, vehicular and pedestrian access areas, operational parking and ancillary structures.

And that the application is accompanied by an Environment Statement.

Drawing Number Plans set out in Plans Schedule (Appendix 4 to Planning Statement). The Environment Statement, technical appendices, and figures and Non-Technical Summary. Statements on planning, design and access, community engagement, transport assessment and sustainability and letter dated 30/11/2009.

The application site falls within the boundaries of the Greenwich Park and Blackheath Conservation Areas and the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site.

A copy of the application and any plans and/or documents submitted with it is available for inspection by the public at the offices of Development Planning, Crown Building 5th Floor, 48 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich SE18 6HQ between the hours of 9.30 to 16.30 Monday to Thursday and 9.30 to 16.00 Friday and East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, SE10 0RL and Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, SE3 7BT between normal opening times.

Members of the public may obtain copies of the Environment Statement from Development Planning at the above address as long as copies last at a charge of £50.00 or direct from the applicant (for which a charge is likely).

Any person who wishes to make representations to the Council about the application should do so in writing by 13/01/2010 to the above address stating the full reference number(s) above.

Steve Pallett - Assistant Director Planning

Greenwich Council

Date: 16-December-2009



LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

The Greenwich and Lewisham (Deptford Green Area CP2) (Parking Places)
(Amendment No. 2) Order 2009

The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (No. 5) (Amendment No. 14) Order 2009

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council, with the consent of Lewisham Borough Council, on 14th December 2009 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 25, 46, 49 and 134 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, so as to continue in operation indefinitely the provisions of The Greenwich and Lewisham (Deptford Green Area CP2) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 1) Experimental Order 2008 and The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (No. 5) (Amendment No. 5) Experimental Order 2008.

2. The general effect of the Orders, which will come into operation on 21st December 2009, will be to continue to provide a free short-term parking place on the west side of Deptford Green, just south of its junction with Barthwick Street, for which the operating hours are 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, where vehicles may wait for a maximum period of 30 minutes without charge and where return to that same parking place is prohibited for one hour.

3. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5587.

4. The Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.

5. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Orders or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation

Crown Building

48 Woolwich New Road

SE18 6HQ

Dated 15th December 2009

(INTERNAL REF: 138/09/01)



London Borough of Greenwich
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (As Amended)
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (As Amended)

Proposed Development At: **Land at Greenwich Park, National Maritime Museum, the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich SE10 and Blackheath Circus Field, Blackheath SE3**

Reference Number: 09/2599/L

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to Greenwich Council by The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games Ltd. (LOCOG)

For Listed Building Consent in respect of: The temporary use of the site for the hosting of the Equestrian and Modern Pentathlon events (including the Test Event in 2011) for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games including the erection of temporary structures within the curtilage of the listed buildings, temporary ramps across the colonnade and the temporary removal of gates at Park Vista entrance to allow vehicular access.

Drawing Number: Plans set out in Plans Schedule (Appendix 4 to Planning Statement). The Environment Statement, technical appendices, and figures and Non-Technical Summary. Statements on planning, design and access, community engagement, transport assessment and sustainability and letter dated 30/11/2009.

The application site falls within the boundaries of the Greenwich Park Conservation Area.

Listed Building Grade I and II

A copy of the application and any plans and/or documents submitted with it is available for inspection by the public at the offices of Development Planning, Crown Building 5th Floor, 48 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich SE18 6HQ between the hours of 9.30 to 16.30 Monday to Thursday and 9.30 to 16.00 Friday and East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, SE10 0RL and Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, SE3 7BT between normal opening times.

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Date: 16-December-2009

Steve Pallett - Assistant Director Planning



The Planning Notices for 23.12.09 and 30.12.09 will be in the Newshopper

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SPORT

Great Scott, he did it!

Goal caps a superb display by Wagstaff

by Kevin Nolan

Stockport 1
Charlton Ath 2

FOUR chaotic minutes of added time inevitably took a little gloss off Charlton's second successive away win. When the fuss and feathers settled, however, neither Stockport's freak consolation goal nor an enthusiastic 20-man brawl detracted from a job well, if uncomfortably, done.

This was no cakewalk for the Addicks. The Hatters might be marooned at the bottom of League One but they stuck skilfully to their game plan, passed accurately on their pudding of a pitch and showed signs that relegation is by no means a racing certainty.

The indefensible indiscipline which will now cost them the services of bright spark Carl Baker, however, may return to haunt them. They can ill afford their top scorer's absence.

As the Addicks prepared an emergency substitution of Matthew Spring for Lloyd Sam, before defending County's last-gasp free kick, one inflammatory word borrowed another before the chaps piled into each other.

With order finally restored and Baker dismissed for violent conduct, it hardly soothed the locals' savage breast that Paul Turnbull's belated delivery was

expertly plucked from the air by Rob Elliot.

Two minutes earlier, Elliot had added fuel to Stockport's late fire by inadvertently putting through his own goal. Complacently misjudging the flight of Adam Griffin's left wing cross, the young keeper marred an otherwise flawless performance by fumbling the ball over the line as it bounced off the far post. His subsequent handling of Turnbull's free kick became almost an act of redemption.

There seems no obvious explanation, meanwhile, of Charlton's regular difficulty in handling supposedly inferior opposition. A neutral observer at dog-eared Edgeley Park would have struggled to distinguish the promotion hopefuls from their troubled hosts. But it was the visitors who struck the first blow on 13

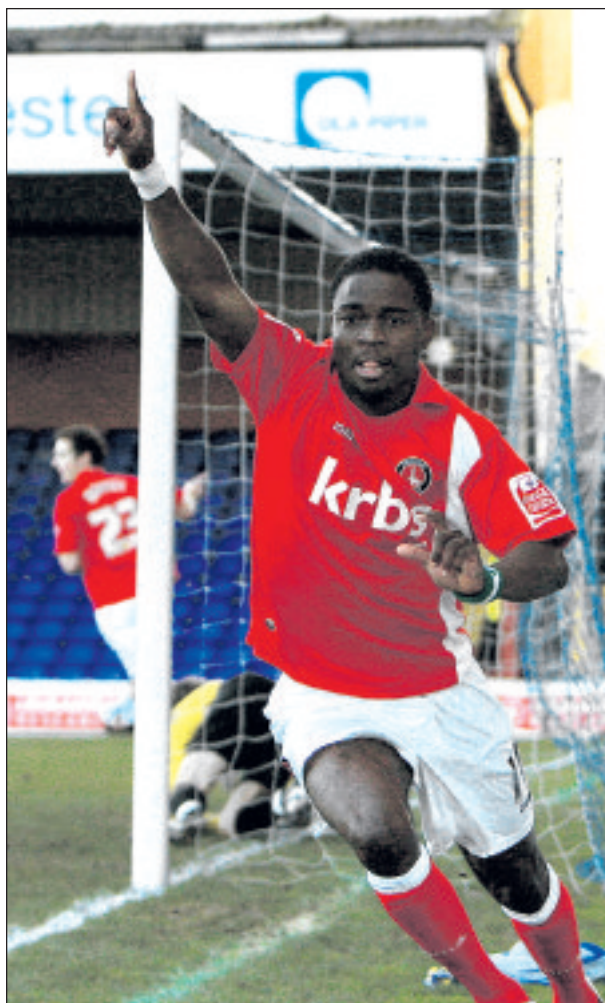
TEAMS

Stockport (4-4-2): Williams, Turnbull, Bridcutt, Raynes, Thompson, Baker, Griffin, Poole (Pilkington, 65), Bignall (Johnson, 65), Ribeiro, McNeil. Not used: Vincent, Tansey, Gerrard, Halls, Barnes.

Charlton (4-4-2): Elliot, Omozusi, Sam Sodje, Dailly, Basey, Sam (Spring, 90), Semedo, Bailey, Wagstaff, Mooney, Burton (Akpo Sodje, 65). Not used: Randolph, Llera, Shelvey, Racon, McKenzie.

Referee: E. Ilderton.

Attendance: 4,277.



HEADING FOR VICTORY: Sam Sodje wheels away after putting the Addicks in front

minutes.

County had ridden their luck when Chris Ribeiro barely beat Deon Burton to Sam's dipping cross at the near post, but the resultant corner proved to be their undoing. Grant Basey's inswinger from the right was met on the run by Sam Sodje and typically bulletted past Owain Fon Williams.

The early goal should have relaxed the Londoners but clearcut chances missed by Burton and David Mooney kept the pressure on them. Three minutes before the break, they came perilously close to paying dearly for their carelessness as Baker's sharp shot on the turn was blocked a yard from the line by Elliot. Omozusi and Turnbull's volley crashed the rebound off the bar. Meeting the dropping ball at point-blank range, Nicholas Bignall's drive was brilliantly turned aside by Elliot. It was as close as County were to come before that late

Mooney's incisive pass but could do no better than force the keeper to another alert save.

The misses at least paled into insignificance when Scott Wagstaff capped a superb, indefatigable contribution with his fourth goal of an increasingly promising season. And what a beauty it was.

A superb move was instigated by Basey's crisp pass into Mooney's feet, which the Irishman adroitly re-directed first-time to Wagstaff on his left. The youngster

You get the impression, though, that Charlton haven't quite cut loose. They're stuttering but winning. Mind you, that's one hell of a useful habit to have!

slipped inside, opened his body for a right-footed shot and dispatched a firm daisycutter across Williams and inside the far post. With his confidence steadily soaring, the slim winger has already justified Phil Parkinson's encouragement of youth.

Untidy though the victory turned out to be, there were other reasons for the manager to be cheerful. Sam Sodje and Christian Dailly anchored a resilient defence, Bailey's was the quintessential captain's performance, while Omozusi continued his steady improvement. You get the impression, though, that Charlton haven't quite cut loose. They're stuttering but winning. Mind you, that's one hell of a useful habit to have!

Slip along to three-day cricket course

THE excellent Greenwich Cricket Development Group will be holding a three-day cricket course for boys and girls aged 8-12 between Tuesday, December 29, and Thursday, December 31, from

9.30am-3.30pm each day, writes Peter Cordwell. Pre-booked places are £20 per day or £50 for three days, or you can turn up and play for £25 per day. The course is being held at St Matthew Academy, St Joseph's

Vale, Blackheath. It will be indoors to the weather won't be a problem. To book a place call Chris Swadkin on 020-8858 4250 or Andy Pye on 020 8319 0214, or email andy@andypye.com.

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James the First!

Akenhead ends
an amazing
year by winning
Poker Million
final live on Sky

CHIP LEADER: James
Akenhead with his
trophy after the
Poker Million
triumph. Picture:
Matchroom
Poker/Mickey May



SIX opponents were left scratching their heads as Greenwich's James Akenhead kept his to take the Full Tilt Poker Million crown - and \$500,000 - in the Sky televised final on Friday, December 4.

Twenty-six-year-old James - "Mokka" to his mates - was coolness personified in the four-hour decider and took the trophy back to Lee to show his supporters in the Tiger's Head.

It was an amazing end to an incredible year for the former train driver who also made the final table in the world's two biggest tournaments - the World Series in Las Vegas and the World Series Europe in London.

"It's been a dream year but I still wanted to win a title, so it couldn't have ended better," James told GT over coffee in Blackheath Village. "I think I played really well. I trusted my instincts and my 'reads' and I didn't make many mistakes throughout the whole

by Peter Cordwell

tournament."

In the 2008 World Series, James missed out on a coveted bracelet in one of the first events, luck deserting him when brilliantly placed in the "heads up". But back he went this year to make the last nine in the main event and pocket a cheque for \$1.3 million.

One of his dates in 2010 is to play in the 'Akenhead Charity Challenge' towards the end of February or early March. Former football star Teddy Sheringham and snooker legend Jimmy White have said they'll take on James in a tournament for the Greenwich Theatre Trust. There will also be a donation to the riding school for the disabled at Charlton Park.

James started the Poker Million heads up against Juha Helpi with 620,000 chips to the Finn's 880,000, but some typically controlled aggression

by Akenhead soon had Helpi looking for a helpline.

The end came when Helpi raised all in on "pocket sixes", only for James to have pocket tens and see the five cards turn over in his favour.

After flying the flag for British Poker all year, James told GT: "I'm really looking forward to next year and all the events I'm going to play. Every year I've played since I started I've won more than the previous year so I've got a big hill to climb next year!"

As a talented Pool player and just taking up golf, James is also looking forward to the Olympics coming to London and to Greenwich. He said: "I suppose it's too late to have Poker installed as an Olympic sport for 2012?"

● **ANYONE** showing initial interest in competing in the Akenhead Charity Poker Challenge next year should email peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk

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